



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE COMPETITIVE EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE
TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION
OF EXCESS FUNDS GRANTS FOR THE FIFTH DISTRICT
TREE PLANTING GRANT PROGRAM
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$1,894,779.70 in Competitive Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 for tree planting grants to the Cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Duarte, Glendale, Glendora, La Canada/Flintridge, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena and Temple City, as well as to the County Departments of Parks and Recreation and Public Works and to Amigos de los Rios and the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed Tree Planting Projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the projects consist of new landscaping and for the reasons stated herein and reflected in the record of the Projects.
2. Allocate a total amount of \$1,894,779.70 of Competitive Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, for tree planting grants to the grantees as follows:
 - a. City of Alhambra - \$60,000
 - b. City of Arcadia - \$186,600

- c. City of Duarte - \$94,200
- d. City of Glendale - \$79,000
- e. City of Glendora - \$74,780
- f. City of La Canada/Flintridge - \$50,000
- g. City of Monrovia - \$40,134
- h. City of Pasadena - \$300,000
- i. City of San Dimas - \$20,469.59
- j. City of San Gabriel - \$61,520
- k. City of San Marino - \$86,428
- l. City of Sierra Madre - \$42,812
- m. City of South Pasadena - \$32,040
- n. City of Temple City - \$70,000
- o. County Department of Parks and Recreation - \$378,000
- p. County Department of Public Works - \$200,000
- q. Amigos de los Rios - \$98,245.80
- r. Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy - \$20,550.31

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants to the various grantees, in the total amount of \$1,894,779.70, for their various tree planting grants, when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects, otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$1,894,779.70 in Competitive Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), for the projects as follows:

- The City of Alhambra for its \$40,000 Parkway Tree Planting Project and its \$20,000 Park and Municipal Golf Course Tree Planting Project,
- The City of Arcadia for its \$100,000 Residential Parkway Tree Planting Project and its \$86,600 Commercial Area Parkway, Parks and Multi-residential Areas Tree Planting Project,
- The City of Duarte for its \$94,200 City Parkways and Various Parks Tree Planting Program,
- The City of Glendale for its \$79,000 Tree Planting in Various Public Locations Project,
- The City of Glendora for its \$74,780 Tree Planting in Parkways and Parks Project,
- The City of La Canada/Flintridge for its \$50,000 Tree Planting in Parkways and Parks Project,
- The City of Monrovia for its \$40,134 Parkway Tree Windstorm Replacement Project,
- The City of Pasadena for its three grants totaling \$300,000. \$100,000 each for its Parkway Tree Planting Projects in three sections of the City,
- The City of San Dimas for its \$20,469.59 Tree Planting in City Parkways, Medians and Parks Project,
- The City of San Gabriel for its \$61,520 Replenishing Our Urban Forest Project,
- The City of San Marino for its \$86,428 Parkway and Lacy Park Tree Replacement Project,
- The City of Sierra Madre for its \$42,812 Parkway and Park Tree Planting Project,
- The City of South Pasadena for its \$32,040 Parkway and Park Tree Planting Project,
- The City of Temple City for its \$70,000 Parkway and Park Tree Planting Project,
- The County Department of Parks and Recreation for its \$77,000 Arboretum Tree Replacement Project, its \$99,000 Arcadia Park Tree Replacement Project, its \$89,000 Bonelli Park and Marshall

Canyon Tree Farm Tree Replacement Project, its \$76,000 Altadena, Eaton Canyon and Marshall Canyon Golf Course Tree Replacement Project, and its \$37,000 Santa Anita Golf Course Tree Replacement Project,

- The County Department of Public Works for its \$100,000 Altadena Area Parkway Tree Planting Project and its \$100,000 La Crescenta Area Parkway Tree Planting Project,
- Amigos de los Rios for its \$98,245.80 Pasadena School District – Legacy Trees Project, and
- Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy for its \$20,550.31 Canyons Reforestation Initiative.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director) be authorized to award the grants to the various grantees, when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreements to follow California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, if applicable, and to administer the grants pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by your Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) by enhancing urban tree planting and the environmental benefits from trees in parkways and public spaces in the San Gabriel Valley area of the Fifth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants, in the amount of \$1,894,779.70, is budgeted in the Fifth Supervisorial District's portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (District) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The various grantees meet this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District from Excess Funds for competitively-awarded projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of the Department would be authorized to award grants to the various grantees when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide, for governing the administration of District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by the District are required to comply with the CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The Cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Duarte, Glendale, Glendora, La Canada/Flintridge, Monrovia, Pasadena, Dan Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena and Temple City are the lead agency for their respective tree planting projects and the County is the lead agency for the Departments of Parks and Recreation and Public Works, Amigos de los Rios and Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy tree planting projects.

The proposed Tree Planting Projects are categorically exempt from CEQA. The projects, which consist of planting trees, are within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets criteria set forth in Section 15304 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 4 (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the projects involve new landscaping.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grants have been met. The Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended projects will enhance the environment through the tree planting in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

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County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors